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IRS "IMPOSTER" SCAM

Riverside, CA – Riverside residents are reminded to remain vigilant against the IRS "Imposter" Scam. These scams often include a phone call from a person claiming to be an IRS Agent. The caller then tells the potential victim he/she has an outstanding tax debt and that a lawsuit or arrest is pending. The caller attempts to convince the victim to immediately pay the amount by purchasing a "Green Dot" prepaid credit card and providing the card information by phone. The caller may also request an immediate wire transfer of funds.

The public is reminded that actual IRS Officials will never contact a taxpayer by phone to demand payment of any sort. Any actual debt owed to the IRS will be addressed by a formal letter that explains follow up and verification procedures. "Green Dot" and "Wire Transfer" payments are never demanded by actual IRS representatives.

Information on the IRS "Imposter" scam and other related scams can be located on the FTC Website. Anyone who believes they may have been contacted by an IRS Imposter is urged to contact TIGTA (Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration) at http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml TIGTA officials are actively working many of these Imposter cases all over the country and abroad.

